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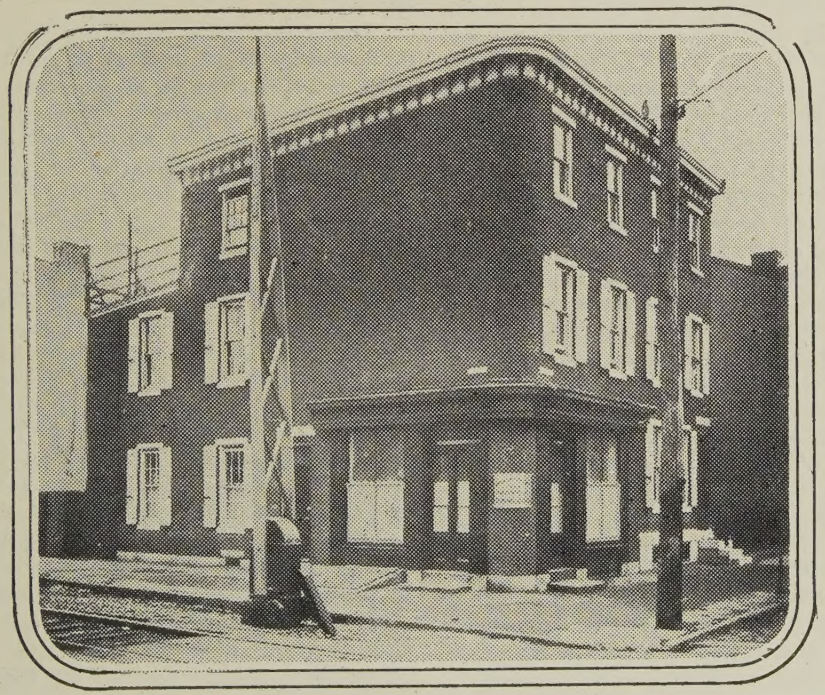
Our Philadelphia Dispensary

For the Treatment of Tuberculosis

BY REV. CHARLES L. FRY, PRESIDENT.

WHEREVER the Inner Mission spirit takes root, it becomes like that tree planted by the river of the water of life, bearing diverse kinds of fruit, yielding these fruits every month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Besides the Luther Hospice for young men, described in a recent illustrated article, and the Christian Settlement house in the slums, another institution has been opened in Philadelphia on March 29, of which a good idea may be gotten from this photograph. While not under the auspices of the same society, it is an outgrowth of the same philanthropic movement among the Lutherans in the City of Brotherly Love, and is supported by the same people. The man to whom belongs the credit of originating the effort, and planning the details of its execution, is a rising young physician of my parish, Dr. W. G. Eisenhardt, a cousin of the late superintendent of the Germantown Orphanage. For years he has cherished the hope of making experiment on a large scale, such as this, in the cure of incipient tuberculosis by "home treatment," without need of a sanatorium in the mountains, and without the least danger of contagion to other



persons in the house. That there was crying need for the establishment of a Free Dispensary for throat and lung diseases in the mill district of Kensington, where the dust and fumes of the factories make pulmonary troubles exceptionally prevalent, is proved by the fact that sufferers have had to enroll on a "waiting list" ever since the first day the doors were open, and the staff of specialists have had more than they can attend to.

A campaign of education to prevent the further spread of the dread disease, by means of pamphlets and tracts giving accurate instruction to the public, will also be vigorously prosecuted, and is one of the most important features of the movement. Nourishing foods, such as eggs and milk, will be dispensed to those patients who have not the means to pay for them, and the matron of the institution will be the house to house visitor, to personally see that the physicians' directions are faithfully carried out to the letter, and to personally distribute our literature to interested parties. Having been cured of tuberculosis herself, she is peculiarly fitted to encourage others by her own experience.

It is an absolutely new thing, in this country, to undertake the establishment of such a free Dispensary without a single dollar of endowment fund, hence with no other resources than the free will contributions of Christian benevolence, yet all forms of Inner Mission effort throughout Lutheran Christendom are maintained on this simple basis of daily implicit dependence on the gracious, compassionate Lord, in whose Name their labors of love are begun and continued. Unfortunately the newspaper reporters completely failed to grasp this phase of the movement. Judging from the thrifty appearance of the Dispensary, they jumped to the false conclusion that the enterprise must be financially backed by wealthy mill owners in Kensington. And indeed, every visitor on the opening day was quite taken aback at seeing a degree of thoroughness in the equipment of the institution which nobody imagined would be possible at the outstart. The white enameled walls and furniture of the office and laboratory, the implements of the latest scientific methods for specialist examinations, the businesslike air of the whole establishment, made it seem as if the plant, so far from being a crude attempt at a feeble beginning, could hardly be better adapted to the purpose if it had started with a liberal endowment. The reporters took this for granted from what they saw, and gave the public the impression that the means for carrying on the benevolent work of the Dispensary are amply provided for. This is altogether a mistake. The work is out and out a work of faith, hope and charity, and like all other Christian efforts of its kind, it will be sustained by the small gifts of the many, rather than by the large donations of the few.

Let me here repeat a recent word which bears on this general matter. The world is fast changing front on the subject of consumption. Now that the medical science of the twentieth century has demonstrated it to be a curable disease, the natural result of this welcome assurance is the willingness of many persons afflicted with this most lingering, most distressing, and most fatal of all human sicknesses, to make the fact known, instead of trying to disguise it and deny it even to themselves. Here then is an importunate call for Inner Mission philanthropy, in the name of our Divine Master, and patterning after His own example of loving ministration to the needy.

Another and equally important function of the dispensary, located right in the heart of the mill district, where pulmonary ailments are so prevalent, is the prevention of the further inroads of tuberculosis. All the old fashioned notions of how the contagion is spread are based on a radically mistaken idea of the nature of the disease, and where the patients follow the simple rigid rules prescribed in institutions like this Dispensary, there is no reason why "the white plague," which from time immemorial has been filling more human graves than all other diseases put together, may not be stamped out of a community in a single generation. Neither are sufferers any longer, as heretofore, worried with cod liver oil and all sorts of abominable patent nostrums which serve no purpose but to ruin the digestion. The simple secret of the cure is not to any considerable extent in the sphere of medicines at all, but rather of nutritive foods which build up the exhausted vital energy, and enable the system to rid itself of the noxious germs. Sunshine is another indispensable agency, and a glance at the photograph of the Dispensary will show its advantageous southern exposure, with a sheltered little roof garden snugly out of the reach of the north wind from October to May. All contributions for the sustenance of this movement should be sent to the treasurer, Mr. George W. Kenngott, 1936 North Sixth street, Philadelphia.

Bethel—Colony of Mercy

Of Pastor Von Bodelschwingh

BY REV. E. WALTER, FORMER BROTHER OF NAZARETH, AT BETHEL

YOUNG Lutherans, interested in Church matters, are sometimes apt to compare the events and achievements of the Lutheran Church with those of other Churches. They do this, prompted often by an earnest desire to learn the conditions and activity of their own Church. Some, however, obtain a most disappointing result from such comparison, since they believe they have made the discovery that the Lutheran Church lacks one great thing—the highest virtue of the real Church of Christ—charity, which, as they believe, some other Church has better than ourselves.

This, of course, is quite an error on the part of young Lutherans, possibly perhaps on account of their lack of knowledge of important events and grand charitable deeds in their own Church. As the Lutheran Church is not accustomed to boasting, but is doing even the grandest and most noble deeds in modest retirement and quietness such lack of knowledge is not surprising at all. Yet, methinks, every Lutheran pastor ought to acquaint himself with the grand achievements and with the noble deeds of all the great men of his Church and afterward communicate to his people the information obtained.

Otherwise it can hardly surprise anybody when our young people begin to argue in a rather agitated manner about this. It is being said the Lutheran Church is the most glorious Church because it preaches the Word of God most purely, administers the Holy Sacrament most faithfully, and because it has a clear and firm confession. Therefore, this being true, we love our Church. Other Churches do much foreign and home mission work—so does our Church. But the former seem to practice the work of mercy much more—there is where our Church is far behind. It appears to us as if our Lutheran Church is neglecting her highest duty, is lacking the most beautiful virtue—charity. She omits her Master's greatest and new commandment: "Love thy neighbor as thyself; love ye one another." The Lutheran Church does not play the part of the good Samaritan. She deprives herself of a great blessing, for the Lord says: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Those agitated young Lutherans, who almost regret to be members of such an inactive Church, continue by calling attention to the activeness of some other Churches. They say: "The Churches in England have their General Booth and his Salvation Army; the Methodists, men like the late Samuel H. Hadley, superintendent of the Jerry McAuley Water Street Mission, in New York. The work of these men is indeed the right kind of ministry to human misery, because it is saving and lifting up the wretched and debased, the abandoned and hopeless of mankind. Yes, these men are the real heroes of the Church of Christ. But where are such men in the Church of the Lutheran confession?"

Such lamentations may not be heard very frequently. They are, nevertheless, being uttered, and are, as we mentioned above, due to a lack of knowledge respecting the Inner Mission work of the Lutheran Church. To set aright the misinformed young Lutherans is the purpose of our article. Probably you won't be ashamed of your Church any longer after you have read this, but joy and praise will swell your hearts. For lo! the greatest man of charity work is a good Lutheran pastor, and the same man is the able establisher of the largest charitable institution. No other Church is able to show anything like his work, at least not up to this time.

That this grand man and his marvelous establishments are not to be found on American soil, but in the land of Martin Luther, may perhaps lessen our pride as Americans—not as Lutherans—since our Church is not a Church of one people or country, but a Church for the entire world. This feature we should never forget.

Dr. Von Bodelschwingh's Colony of Mercy is the home for thousands of pitiable human beings. Epileptics, insane, feeble minded, consumptives, drunkards, outcasts, homeless and others weak in body, mind or character, are being taken care of there, or rescued by hundreds of deacons or deaconesses.

Nowhere in the world can be seen so much misery and so much ever patient, life sacrificing love and charity at any one place as can be seen at the Colony of Mercy.

Endowed with an extraordinary enterprising spirit and with that ardor of character which impels to the achievement of arduous undertakings, that humble country preacher, Pastor F. von Bodelschwingh, has accomplished mar-

velous things in the field of Christian charity. A rare farsightedness associated with thoroughness guarantees the solidity and continuance of his numerous institutions. He is, indeed, highly qualified for that position to which Divine Providence assigned him—and a man much fitted for the work that he himself considers the principal task and the main object of his life. To allay, alleviate and cure all infirmities and frailties of the body, mind or soul of thousands of wretched human beings; that's the purpose of his work.

Bethel, the far famed Colony of Mercy is the largest and most important of Bodelschwingh's institutions. His board of building matters has charge of 600 buildings. This number includes buildings of all of his establishments. The report at hand does not state the exact number of houses at Bethel, but we know personally that there are more than 300. The number of buildings increases every year. At the brickyard on the grounds of the colony 6,000,000 bricks are being manufactured every year for the building purposes of the colony. The largest of the two electric light plants furnishes light for 10,000 lamps. A vast quantity of water—320,000 quarts daily—is being furnished by modern water works. Many houses are provided with heating plants and bath rooms. But all patients who are able to walk about take a bath at the general bathing establishment at least once or twice a week. Whatever Dr. Bodelschwingh builds is practical and up to date.

The report of the board of trustees on March 31, 1905, shows that the colony has property to the value of 12,899,862 marks, or more than $3,000,000, an increase of 45 per cent. in ten years. From the above statements one can form an idea of the size, modern equipment and convenient arrangement of the colony.

Statements, still more interesting, can be given respecting the working force and the work itself. What a numerous and well trained force has Dr. Bodelschwingh engaged! Fifteen hundred able young men and women devote their lives entirely to the ministry of mercy. Nazareth, located at the colony, is the brotherhouse of 400 deacons. Eleven hundred deaconesses call Sarepta, at Bethel, their motherhouse.

What do these 1,500 brothers and sisters do? They work among the sick and needy, the friendless and fallen, in hospitals and infirmaries, in homes for epileptics and feeble minded, in asylums for idiotic and insane, in orphans' homes and reformatories, in schools for little children and in the homes of the sick and poor, and in parishes under direct oversight of the pastor.

What are their wages? Food and raiment and a salary of 38 cents per week for deaconesses; the brothers receive a little more. Let us see what services Rev. Bodelschwingh's deaconesses rendered in 1904: 958 stationed at 357 stations nursed and took care of 76,828 patients and wards. Of this number 538 sisters were engaged in direct hospital and asylum work, nursing 34,958 patients during 1,819,037 nursing days; 166 parish deaconesses reported 5,932 night watches.

Perhaps some figures concerning the work at the colony alone may be of interest to some of our readers. The number of inhabitants of the colony—sick and well—exceeds at present 5,000. Fifteen physicians, surgeons and specialists, ten pastors, several hundred deacons and deaconesses, quite a number of clerks and a few hundred of male and female hired help take care of and attend to the wants of the patients and wards.

During 1904 the patients of the colony numbered 3,824; nursing days, 825,792. Another great number (1,806) consisted of neglected inebriates, and other fallen and wretched persons were also taken care of during 169,789 nursing days. Thus the total number of patients was 5,630, and nursing days 985,572.

About the most pitiable residents are the epileptics; 2,100 were nursed during the year 1904 by 283 brothers and sisters. Just consider these facts. Nursing days, 686,669; and 224,590 epileptic attacks were observed and recorded. What these figures mean no one can imagine unless he has been there and seen the work. Forty-six cured and thirty-four improved inmates were dismissed during 1904. Out of 200 laid at rest in the cemetery of the Colony of Mercy 97 were epileptics.

In order to obtain an impressive view of the misery cared for and also of the charity amassed at the Colony of Mercy one must attend a Sunday morning service at the spacious Zion's Chapel. A congregation of 1,600 to 1,700 is assembled there every Sunday morning and evening. Much the largest number of the morning congregation consists of epileptics. The first one in nearly every seat wears the garment of a deaconess or the black coat of a brother.

Above the altar niche one reads the first verse of the poor epileptics' favorite psalm:

"When the Lord shall turn again the captivity of Zion then shall we be like them that dream." (This is the wording of Luther's translation.) The singing is of the kind that would abash many a congregation of healthy worshippers. These epileptics love to sing. They are assisted by a large pipe organ, a strong brass band, and an excellent choir. This makes their singing most beautiful. Nothing can stop or disturb them, not even the shrill scream of a poor fellow sufferer. Nothing but a sudden attack. Oh! how often sometimes must the pastor before the altar or in the pulpit stop and keep silent! Why? Hark! the heart rending scream of an attacked epileptic. Behold! here is a sister with a little girl in her arms, there a brother with a little boy, over here two sisters carrying a young woman, over yonder the two brothers a young man—all going toward the different exits. In the entrance halls the patients are put on mattresses. Sometimes no mattress is empty—a most pitiable sight! The only hope for many of them is an early deliverance from all evil by death. Then they go from the Colony of Mercy to the land of joy; from Bethel to Jerusalem; from Zion here below to Zion above. There they no more disturb the worship of God by screaming, because all attacks are vanished. There they need no more the tender care of a brother, or sister of charity, because their most merciful brother, Jesus, has taken them to his own home, where pain and suffering, even sorrow and sighing, flee away. There, indeed, they shall be like them that dream, for the Lord has turned again the captivity of the captives of Zion.

The Seventh National Convention

Of the Luther League of America

As the official organ of the Luther League, THE REVIEW has issued the official call for the Seventh National Convention. This convention is to be held at Canton, Ohio, October 30, 31, and November 1, 1906. THE REVIEW desires to call attention to this convention, so every Lutheran can keep in touch with the young people's movement within our Church.

Preparation should be made at once to be present at the Seventh National Convention of the Luther League of America. Prepare in time is the word! Let every society be sure to have a delegate in attendance.

Delegates should come prepared to take home new thoughts, new inspiration, and a greater enthusiasm for our own Church and her institutions. But the degree of help any League will receive from a convention depends on the earnestness and faithfulness of the delegates in putting into effect the power with which they were inspired. The delegates who measure up to their opportunity and responsibility will not stop with their reports of the convention.

Our Convention at Canton

will be the seventh national in the history of the Luther League. In some respects this will be the decennial anniversary of the Luther League of America. Our former conventions have been as follows:

First—Pittsburg, October 30, 31, 1895.
Second—Chicago, November 17-20, 1896.
Third—New York, October 18-20, 1898.
Fourth—Cincinnati, May 22-24, 1900.
Fifth—St. Paul-Minneapolis, July 8-10, 1902.
Sixth—Buffalo, August 16-18, 1904.
Seventh—Canton, Ohio, October 30-November 1, 1906.

This was the home of our martyred President, William McKinley. Here a national monument in his memory is being erected. It will be one of the handsomest mausoleums in the world. Here awaiting this splendid palace for the dead, under military guard, lies the body of President McKinley.

But this convention will interest you because it will be a national gathering of Lutheran young people; because in the Word of God and the Augsburg Confession they find a common faith; because, as we say:

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our motto would indicate that it will promote our Lutheran acquaintance, enlarge our horizon, and show us that the Lutheran Church is not confined to our own little parish, but it is worldwide, and growing in influence every day in America; and because as Lutherans we need to know more about our own Church and her marvelous work.

The local committee may be trusted to sustain the reputation of Canton as a convention

city, and to impress you with Ohio's achievements as one of the great States in the Union. For as we meet in Ohio we must remember the words and write them large: "Religion. Morality, and Knowledge."

A Little History

will explain this: The ordinance of 1787, creating the Northwestern Territory, and throwing it open for settlement induced a large emigration to the lands watered by the Ohio River. Rangers and backwoodsmen mingled in this pioneer throng. Descendants of the Puritans of New England, Quakers from Pennsylvania, and Cavaliers from Virginia were there, and these frontiersmen in hunting shirt and moccasins blazed a path for the Church and school house. These emigrants all possessed valuable qualities for building up new States. In the trials immediately besetting them they displayed the courage necessary for conquering the vast and fertile domain, a part of which is now the State of Ohio. Under the famous ordinance of 1787, "one article declared that *religion, morality,* and *knowledge* being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education should forever be encouraged." Ten days later by generous land grants the Continental Congress made provision for perpetually maintaining public schools, and in 1802, in her first Constitution, Ohio forbade "the enactment of any law to deprive the poor of equal rights in the schools, academies, colleges and universities endowed in whole or in part from the Government land grants, and required their doors to be open to all scholars, students, and teachers without any distinction or preference whatsoever." It was a campaign for education under Federal aid, and it was a wise and liberal policy for popular education. And as a Church we had a place in this State before it was admitted into the Union. The Luther League, therefore, says *"to every young man and young woman, learn to know the blessed heritage we possess. Our Church is not some small sect of recent growth, struggling for existence and recognition. She is the mightiest of God's Kingdom."* Our Church today has wealth and education, culture and refinement, and the National Convention at Canton may be expected to maintain the high standard of success of previous assemblages of the Luther League.

The Program

expects to offer a number of practical addresses and papers by able men and women, who will no doubt present excellent thought and suggestions. This work is in charge of a sub-committee of the Executive Committee, that is seeking to make the Canton Convention take high rank for seriousness of purpose, and for personal devotion and earnest fervor on behalf of our Lutheran Church in the convention topics.

General Information

The Committee on Transportation will present the report of their arrangements with the railroads in an early number of The Review. Canton is a railroad and trolley line centre.

Particulars regarding hotels, boarding houses, etc., and all other information regarding the Convention city will be published in due time.

Credential blanks should be secured at once from Rev. C. K. Hunton, Salem, Va., and all statistical reports should be sent to him promptly by District and State officers.

The Review will print a Pro-Convention number, and the Convention number of The Review will give a full account of the proceedings of the Convention. You should arrange now for extra copies of these numbers of The Review.

As arrangements are made details will appear from time to time in The Review.

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The English Bible cannot be studied either too much or too carefully. Creeds are not to be overlooked. God has given men doctrines that they may follow godly lives. The life that is truly acceptable to Him must have its principles of action based on the doctrines of His Holy Word. In the Bible we find the rule of faith and practice, which will make the true life of faith in God. By the study of the Bible we learn the Scriptural basis of our creed. We believe it is a correct exponent of the fundamental truths of God's Word and our faith. It must be good to produce good fruit. We need the fruit of godly, pious living to convince men of the vitality of Christianity. By their fruits ye shall know them, and our good old Lutheran faith where the Bible is studied and read daily will give us fruitful Christian lives, whose faith will be crowned with good works.

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"The unpunctual person is the general disturber of the peace and serenity of others."

"You must get another watch or I another secretary."—Washington.

Service Within the Congregation

A paper read at the Pittsburgh Central Luther League Convention.

By Albert W. Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa

THE word service has several meanings, but we understand it here to mean "How can we serve within the congregation?"

Service in this sense occupies a prominent place in the Holy Scripture, for our Lord said, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon, Ye cannot serve two masters," etc. Therefore, we understand at the beginning of this discussion that all the service we render within the congregation, as well as outside of it, must be service to God.

When little Samuel woke and heard his Maker's voice, "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth," was the response which came from those lips of tender age. When this same modest little Samuel became a man, he slew King Agag, cutting him to pieces. Unpleasant service for Samuel to perform, was it not? Daniel, that great prophet who held the highest political office in the Kingdom of Babylon aside from the king, did not falter in rendering his service, even though he knew that the den of lions confronted him. Peter did not hesitate to tell Ananias that he was lying.

These cases I mention merely to show that whether the duties which confront us are pleasant or unpleasant, we should be ready to willingly serve.

One could hardly set a code of rules for service any more than a kindergarten teacher could set a code of rules for raising children, as these cases all vary according to conditions which surround the individuals who are acting out the different big and little things of this life—and as no person can control the events which surround them and demand their service and do not know a day ahead what is liable to turn up, I claim that we cannot exhaust this subject; but we can touch upon it to some extent, and I beg to offer a few suggestions which I have gleaned from my personal experience and observation, hoping that it may prove beneficial to some, if not all of you.

The first thing which comes to our notice is the part we are to take in rendering the service, joining in heartily in the singing of the hymns and chants, or saying the responses, prayers, amens, etc. Can we serve well in our congregation, if we do not join in these things which she appoints for us to do, and can we serve the Lord by keeping mum when we have such an excellent opportunity to praise Him, and when we consider, too, that the Scriptures tell us to worship Him in this manner? There is a beautiful hymn which starts thus, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise," but please remember that he is well off who sings His praise well with one tongue.

Let us give as liberally as possible to all the regular and special collections appointed by the congregation, both for the general expenses necessary and for special purposes, such as foreign and home missions, Synod work, orphans, hospitals, educational, etc., as the different congregations are responsible for the maintenance of most of these objects and we, as individuals, can serve it by giving liberally—that is, as much as we can—to the support of all of its interests. So much for our serving in regard to the things which concern ourselves. How about things concerning our brethren in the congregation?

Do you minister to the sick? Do you help the needy? Do you comfort the weak hearted and the distressed? Do you put the most charitable construction on *all* his actions? Remember, dear friends, that all of these things are required of us by the Lord and are most positively taught in both the Scriptures and Luther's Catechism and are things of importance, which we must not overlook. It should not be neecssary for us to wait until the needy in our congregation, if we are aware of their need, come to us and say, "Please help me," but we should ever be on the alert, and when we know of such cases, go to them and say, "Can I help you?" The command to give to the needy has two sides. It is just as much of a command to the needy to receive, so don't be afraid of offending them. In case they really need and reject your kind offer, taking offence at it, the offence has not been offered by you in offering, but by them for refusing.

Now, as to the stranger who visits our congregation, we might make him feel at home, show him that we are glad to have him with us and shall be glad to see him again. We might ascertain from him if he has a church home, and if not, suggest his becoming a member of ours. I don't believe it would be much trouble either to take the pains of seeing that such an one is introduced to the pastor. Don't let us worry any if the stranger happens to be poorly clad. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware," and how would you like to snub an angel?

Let us now look at another feature, which is by no means the least to be considered, "Assisting our pastor." Let us remember that the pastor is only a man with one head, two hands, and two feet, just the same as other men in the congregation, and that he cannot do everything himself. He cannot preach in the pulpit and get to the door in time to catch the stranger who sits near the door. He cannot call upon every member of the congregation every week to learn if any one is sick and prepare two sermons at the same time, neither can he guess who is sick. If one of your family is sick it is your place to inform the pastor, instead of sitting back and waiting for him to find it out as best he can. If one of the congregation becomes afflicted and it comes to your notice, would it be much trouble when you say "Good morning" to your pastor to say, "Mr. or Mrs. So and So is sick," or if you do not happen to see your pastor to say "Good morning" to him, could you not walk to him without much inconvenience to specially inform him? And look what a big thing it is to the pastor to learn that. What a help in the work of the Lord, and what a little service for us to perform. It is the whole lot of little things which count.

If you become acquainted with the fact that one of the members has moved and you give the correct address to the pastor, what a help with a little bit of trouble. If you learn of any Lutherans moving into the neighborhood, or people who attend no church, children who attend no Sunday school, and you inform your pastor, what might the results be of such a little action? Remember that those who are instrumental in the saving of souls shall shine as the stars in the firmament.

If the pastor should ask you to visit a certain person to help him in his work and you could possibly go, would it not be unreasonable for you to refuse or neglect and then expect the congregation to flourish? Oh, there are hundreds and hundreds of little things to be done. Can't we do some of them?

And again, when we look at this subject, "Service within the congregation," we are led to believe that what we do outside of it has a great bearing as to how we serve within it. Can a man be mean and contemptible in his business and home affairs, and then with a lovely smile on Sundays come to the congregation in an affable manner and yet serve his congregation well? Would his service outside not cast reflections on the congregation? Imagine a man with such a record before the public. Some one says: "He is a member of a certain Lutheran church." The reply would more than likely come like this: "Well, if he is a member of that congregation, and if that is the kind of men they have, I don't want to have anything to do with that congregation." I am well aware of the fact that the misconduct of a member should not reflect on the whole congregation, and that most any congregation is liable to have some black sheep; but I think you will agree with me that the lives we live in our various occupations and at home should be beyond reproach and that we cannot serve our congregation very well when we are in it and serve the devil when we are not. Don't lose sight of this. It is of the utmost importance. The Holy Scriptures give us many regulations, which we must apply to ourselves, and among them I mention a few:

"Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love in honor, preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you; bless and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate; be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. Avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath. If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

In conclusion, why lay such great stress on this subject? Why do we wish to put ourselves out of the way to accommodate or favor some one else? Why should we part with some of our money, which we have earned so hard, without getting in return its value in something else? What is to be the result of all this service?

The Apostles had a dispute among themselves as to who should be the greatest, and Jesus told them, "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all."

Do we wish to become great in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Then let us adapt ourselves to *Service.*

Service Outside the Congregation

A paper read at the Pittsburgh Central Luther League Convention.

By Ellen P. Brown

A FAIR test of the amount of true inward life in a congregation is the amount of support it gives to causes outside itself. This is true, regardless of the size and strength of the congregation. Even struggling missions, overburdened as they may be with the work of home support, find that the spirit to achieve things at home carries inseparably with it the spirit to do things away from home. The Luther League has much to do "outside the congregation." The three concentric ways of influence in which this work may be exerted are: First, in the community; second, in the home mission work of the Church; third, in the foreign mission work of the Church.

Among the many ways in which service may be performed outside the local congregation is assistance in mission work; volunteering for teaching service or other personal capacity in the Mission Sunday school in which the pastor or congregation may be interested; or accompanying the pastor to the services and giving aid by leading the singing, acting as ushers or doing some other act, very little in itself, yet such a great help to the person in charge. Again, by some contribution or gift increasing the efficacy of the mission, a Bible for the pulpit or lecturn, hymn books, a church book for use at the altar, an organ, some Sunday school charts, a subscription to weekly papers for the scholars, a hymnboard, etc.

Then there is the service in your own community. Forming a choir to assist the pastor in hospital or other institutional services, to accompany the missionary in his visits to the jails, almshouses, hospitals and other charities. This is done in Philadelphia. There the Luther League choirs of the various churches have their appointed Sundays, when they accompany the Rev. Dr. Ohl in his rounds of services to the various institutions of that great city. The testimony given by one pastor is, "that the young people were more largely benefited by accompanying him on one Sunday in the month to an appointment in a nearby hospital, than any other feature of the societies' work." A flower committee for the hospitals and homes of your city or town will find plenty to do "outside the congregation." Why not keep this "benevolent service" within the circle of our League's activities, rather than have our members belong to outside organizations of that character? Thoughtfulness, wide awake watchfulness and willingness will do much toward showing the local League just what form this extra activity can assume according to local conditions and needs. Some communities will offer many more chances than others, but each one will have its "open door" for the Leaguer anxious to "let his light shine" beyond the church and pew.

Then there is the wider circle of home mission work. Many a league which has no local mission work offering a fruitful field of helpfulness and happiness to its members, can find an outlet for its extra vitality in the appealing needs of missions in other cities and towns. Is a window needed, an altar or lecturn, some hymn books, papers, and a thousand and one other little things that strain a mission's treasury, or, the lack of which retards a mission's usefulness and growth? Here is your chance, Luther League. What shall you do with those extra two, three, five or fifteen dollars? Let it stay in the bank? No. Let the bank look elsewhere for money to invest. What good will it do the Lord or your fellowmen, slowly accumulating a paltry 5 per cent. interest? Cast it out upon the mighty waters of God's stream of life; send it with your interest, your prayers, your devotion, your greetings to the nearby city, the far away settlement. No interest coupon could ever give you half as solid toned joy as the grateful letter of thanks which comes back after a while, or the story of increased success and power which the church paper tells in later days, an item from that far off strand, where your "bread" found its rightful, helpful resting place. There are always appeals from the poor, hard laboring, meagerly supported missionaries. Has your League ever known the strange pleasure of packing a Christmas box for the Northwest or some other point of the compass? Try it. "Service outside the congregation." "Sewing, sacrificing, gathering, planning, purchasing, packing—weeks of happy excitement; and oh, the anticipation! "Did they get it?" Then some day the solemn, holy joy of sitting down together to read the touching story of how God had used you to answer those fervent prayers to Him for the necessities and luxuries which ordinary circumstances made an impossibility. Do you, Leaguers, long

for something to give you a stronger confidence in the reality and truth of your Christianity? Try such a service. Bound by the mysterious union to Christ with brethren of the faith miles and miles away, rejoicing with them, praying for them, you will come to *see feel* and *know* things, unseen, holy, strong and blessed.

Nor need you halt in despair should no home missionary appeal beckon you. There are always the orphanages with their precious charges; the old folks' homes, with their trusting saints; the homes for epileptics, with their poor, suffering, distressed humanity. An excursion to such a place, a barrel or a box sent to any of these will bring results as surprising as they are pleasurable and helpful.

Yet further swings the circle of service. Out, far out, past the cities where our own flag flies; beyond the shores where our iron bands of commerce halt at the ocean's edge; out where great ships sail into ports and harbors leagues away; out where our ears would hear strange sounds and our eyes expand at stranger sight; out where men by millions swoon, living and dying, despairing, crying, in dark doubt and hopeless, cheerless, heathenism; out where the lights of mission stations and missionaries' homes flicker faintly, but not feebly, here and there, while all around is dark, dark night, there, away out there—east, west, north and south—lie our opportunities. Yea, let me say it in the most literal sense, a Luther League ought to have as its highest ambition to be working somewhere in the wide, wide world, in the person of a missionary representative. The highest form of Christian service to which a League can attain is to have one, two, three or a half dozen of her members in the ministry, the deaconate, the medical or educational missionary service, led to such devotion and sacrifice by the influences of the more direct service which live, active interest in the Church's needs and deeds has exerted.

To many a League the distinction, honor and glory of such a direct service may never come, but to none will be lacking the more circumscribed but none the less potent service through gifts, study and prayers. Have you ever aided our missionaries by a direct contribution to the Board? Have you ever gathered cards and beads, canned goods and dried fruits for a box? Have you ever laughed and joked and marveled as you cut and sewed the queer calico clothes our brothers and sisters wear, who live and move in Christ, His faith and His love in India? Have you ever composed a letter of cheer and loving sympathy to a far off missionary, sending it away with your signature and your prayers? Have you ever saved or worked for $15 or $30 that you might have a share in regenerating India through the instrumentality of the girl or boy whom your bounty has enabled to be educated? Have you ever had a letter from such a representative of your League in India's coral strand? And have you laughed together as you struggled with the long Telegu words, or cried together as the simple faith and humble gratitude of your scholar shone out of the written page and tugged at your faith's heart strings? Have you done *any* or *all* of these things?

If you must say "No" to this long catalogue of queries, be it known to you, fellow Leaguers, you have not yet tasted of the sweets of service. It is as we thus engage our powers in the home land, the home city, the home church, even though we never set our foot beyond their borders, that we may serve the King. It is in such widening fields of outside service that we will find the growth of love, sympathy, earnestness, willingness, faithfulness, which is what Christ desires us to have, what the Church needs and what we all should crave. It is in this expanded service, earnestly sought, carefully fostered and consistently maintained, that the League will find a power which will produce the ministers that we need, the deaconesses for which the Church is calling, the missionaries for which heathenism is crying.

Keys to Open a Bible Verse: Acts, 1:12: "Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey."

Who are called "they" in this little verse? What mountain is mentioned? What gave it its name? What old city is given? Where is Jerusalem? Where were the disciples? Who had gone away from them? How far was the city from the mountain? In what direction from the city did the mountain lie? How long was a Sabbath day's journey? Why had Jesus left them? Had they seen Him go? What message had they just heard? Who brought it? Why did they return to Jerusalem? Was the ascension of Jesus a very wonderful fact? Should we commemorate it? Why? How?

Luther League Topics

Practical Topics reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

3d Week After Trinity. July 1, 1906.

A Christian Nation

Isaiah 60:12-22.

Questions to be answered in brief papers. See suggested topics at close of topic.

Lessons for our own lives: 1. Is ours a Christian nation? If we look at the vast contrast between our nation and what a Christian nation ought to be and to do, we are tempted to answer in the negative. The accumulations of enormous wealth by the very side of the existence of the most distressful penury; the disregard on the part of so many, of the fundamental Christian principle of love; the repeated plea that men cannot succeed in business and retain the old Christian standards of honor, or even of honesty; the fierce competition of trade; the exposure of corruption in high places; the selfishness and greed of lawmakers; the extortions of great corporations; the increasing neglect of Church and Bible and family prayer—these and such things make one fear to answer that our nation can in any right way lay claim to be Christian. Yet there is much to be said on the other side. Multitudes have abandoned the old ways, but their derelictions have aroused the conscience of the people. Political corruption has been exposed, but the exposure and the arousing of widespread indignation and the overthrow of strongly intrenched organizations for selfish aggrandizement, have revealed a sound public sentiment, and the survival of the old ideals. The wide and generous response to the call of need in the presence of great disasters shows at least the depth of philanthropy, that child of Christianity. The underlying principles of law and government are confessedly Christian. To contrast our national life with any of the ancient civilizations, or with the conditions existing in the heathen nations of today, gives us a realizing sense of the right that we have in such a comparative judgment to call ours a Christian nation.

2. Yet it is well for us to ask the question, and to examine honestly into the answer, for, after all, the nation is not some abstract conception. It is a real existence, and the nation is what the people are. We are part of the nation. It is to some extent, then, what we are and what we make it. If we understand the seriousness of the situation we shall be the more earnest in doing our share to help in putting the Christian character of the nation beyond question. Here is needful, not only individual character and influence, but the most cordial co-operation in the Home Missionary activities of the Church, without which the outlook for the future would be far more gloomy than it is. Here also it is encouraging for us to remember that our own Church is rising most rapidly into larger national significance and power, and that, as we help her to gather the scattered of her fellowship, and to welcome and hold fast to the immigrants from her sister Churches on the other side of the ocean, we are offering real and important help in making our nation Christian.

4th Week After Trinity. July 7, 1906.

A Christian Home

Genesis 18:17-19; Ephesians 6:1-19.

For themes see close of topic.

Lessons for our own lives: 1. The divine idea of a home is one in which God rules and is feared. The immediate knowledge of Himself was the centre of the home established in Eden. The home which our Lord Jesus honored by becoming a child in it was a home of God fearing people. The injunctions of the whole New Testament on this subject recognize the same ideal. A true home is one in which Christ is an abiding guest. This topic, therefore, involves the question of a true marriage, according to God's will, and implies that in the choice of a life companion the fundamental requisite of Christian character is not to be forgotten. To ask the blessing of God on a marriage between two persons who are uniting in order to found a new home, while one or both of them are out of Christ, is a hazardous request.

2. In a Christian home there will be manifested not only the general external virtues of courtesy, forbearance, love and so forth, but there will be the definite recognition of God's Word as the rule of life and the means of grace, and there will be the training of the children in prayer and the knowledge of the Word of God, together with the faithful adherence of the household to the Church and Sunday school. Without the employment of these means how can the home be really a Christian home?

The Luther League Topics, complete lessons (of which the above are outlines and reviews), in 32-page pamphlet, covering three months, can be supplied at rates given on page 25 by Luther League Review, Box 876, New York, N. Y.

3. The Christian home is central in its importance and influence. The home is the unit of the nation as well as of the Church. Our discouragement in reference to national religious conditions is chiefly due to our fear that the homes of the people are increasingly falling away from the standards of true Christianity. Our anxieties concerning the Church are due principally to the same danger. The theme of this study is most intimately connected with that of the preceding and of the following studies. It is absolutely correct to say that no one is helping more in the solution of national and of religious problems than those who are helping to make a home Christian in the best sense. You who have each a certain measure of influence in at least one home, are watering the very roots of the trees that are to bear fruit for the welfare of the country and for the glory of the Lord. It may seem to you that your task is small, your field is insignificant, but you are touching the centre of our greatest and widest needs.

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5th Week After Trinity. July 15, 1906.

Christian Training in the Sunday School

Proverbs 22:1-16; II Timothy 3:14-17.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: (1) What is the history of the Sunday school? (2) What is its purpose? (3) What is its method? (4) What is necessary for its latest success?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. We have an obligation that is unavoidable, toward the children of the Church. That obligation is involved in their baptism. The Church has no right to offer baptism to the child and then provide no way in which the grace of baptism may be nurtured and developed. Let the parents be as faithful as they may in the Christian home nurture, yet they are in many cases incompetent, and in almost every case unable for various reasons to give the child that thorough, systematic, continuous instruction in the Word, which is absolutely obligatory. The Church, therefore, provides the school for the training of the child in religion. Moreover, the Church must do this, because the child is to be prepared to make the best use of the pastor's instruction preceding confirmation, and the true Lutheran Sunday school is arranged with direct and constant reference to the "catechetical class" to which it leads. That even the most successful Sunday school, the ideal, if you choose, does afford sufficient time and opportunity for thorough religious instruction, does not lessen the duty of doing the best that we can, but does suggest the necessity, in every congregation, of providing for weekday classes to supplement and complete the work of the Sunday school. Our Church believes in the power of the Word. She has adopted, not hastily or inconsiderately, the method of making Christians by thorough, systematic instruction in the Word, instead of by short and enthusiastic periods of emotional preaching. She holds already the position to which many Churches that have relied exclusively on the revivalistic method are coming, as the result of sad experience. And she must, therefore, recognize her duty and seek to perform it by training her children on Sundays and on weekdays.

2. What a high and honorable place in the work of the Church have those who are serving in the Sunday school. They are indeed the right hand of the pastor, to whose guidance and special responsibility the instruction of the congregation is entrusted. Their text book, the Word of God, their pupils the receptive and plastic little ones, their task the implanting of the incorruptible seed which is able to make wise unto salvation—they may well give their best thought and effort to the work to which God has called them, and pray unceasingly that He will give the increase!

6th Week after Trinity. July 22, 1906.

Catechization

Isaiah 28:9-13.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: (1) How did catechization arise? Why is it desirable and necessary? What is its aim? (2) How much do you owe to your catechization? What of the history and value of Luther's Small Catechism?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. We owe deep gratitude to our Church for the restoration and preservation of catechization. The Reformed Churches have largely abandoned it. But its use and continuance in our Church is interwoven with the whole conception of salvation as brought to us through the means of grace, baptism beginning the new life, the Word of God, and after suitable preparation, the Sacrament of the Altar, developing and renewing it. Until our Church abandons her fundamental and characteristic teachings, the teachings of God's Word, concerning the way of salvation, she can never give up catechetical instruction. The only fault to be found with it is that we do not have enough of it, and that,

too often, the work is done in a mechanical way.

2. We owe thanks to God, and to His servant, Martin Luther, for the Catechism which for centuries the Church has used as the simplest, most beautiful and wonderful summary of the saving truths of God's Word. Its comprehensiveness, its brevity, its devoutness, its clearness, its simplicity, its adaptation to its purpose, impress one more deeply each time he studies it anew. We cannot imagine how the Church could have done its work without this little masterpiece. Our admiration grows as we contrast it with other historical Catechisms. When we have learned to know it, we experience no surprise that it has been translated into more tongues than any other book except the Bible; that it has been used unchanged for nearly 400 years; and that there is no one today who imagines that it can be improved upon.

3. We owe every assistance to the pastors in their work of catechizing. We can help to gather the children who ought to be in the catechetical classes, and to see to it that every child who ought to be there is urged to come. We can and ought to be constant in prayer for the catechumens and for the pastor as catechist. We ought to demonstrate, as witnesses, not only in word, but in our lives, the benefits that our instruction has brought to us: Our loyalty to the faith, to the Church of the true faith; our consistent, earnest lives; our loving service to God and our neighbor, ought to show to others what sort of men and women "Catechism Christians" ought to be and are. Thus we may best show our gratitude, testify for our faith, and bring honor to our Church and to our God.

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7th Week After Trinity. July 29, 1906.

Confirmation—What It Means

I Peter 5:6-11.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: How did Confirmation arise? Why is it not a Sacrament? What is Confirmation? Who should be confirmed?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. All the instruction that we received from our infancy belonged to our confirmation. The chief thing in confirmation, as Luther says, is the instruction in Christian truth which precedes the act or rite which we call by that name. In an especial sense the teaching immediately preceding the rite is the confirmation, because it is that which gives to the child the deeper understanding of the facts of Christian history, and leads to the personal, conscious recognition of sin, and appropriation by faith of Christ, with His benefits. Apart from the confirmation which the Word has wrought, as it has been explained and brought to bear upon the heart intelligently and systematically, the act of Confirmation would be almost, or quite, meaningless. The actualization of all that baptism involves, the preparation for the self examination which a worthy use of the Lord's Supper demands—a self examination which presupposes a clear understanding of repentance and faith—this is Confirmation.

2. But there is also a special privilege in the rite of Confirmation. In it we were enabled to make, with our own voices, public ratification of the baptismal pledge which others had made in our names. We had the opportunity to "confess Christ before men" and thus to claim His confession of us before His Father. We were permitted to give utterance of the faith that was in us, to declare our allegiance to those principles of revealed truth which our glorious Church has taught and maintained through the centuries. We were admitted to the full communion of the Church, invited to her altar, welcomed to her most sacred feast. It was our coming of age, in our Father's kingdom. And thus it brought, with its privileges, also the responsibilities of full citizenship. The good name, the honor, the welfare of the Church were, in a measure, laid also upon us, entrusted to our hands. God grant that we may never be unfaithful to our vows, nor ever bring reproach upon our fellowship.

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Daily Bible Readings

June 10. Trinity—II Corinthians 6:1-10.
Monday—John 3:1-15.
Tuesday—Acts 2:37-40.
Wednesday—Mark 10:13-16.
Thursday—Ephesians 5:25-26.
Friday—Titus 3:4-7.
Saturday—Mark 16:14-20.

June 17. I Trinity—I Peter 3:20-21; II Peter 3:18.
Monday—II Kings 18:1-8.
Tuesday—II Kings 23:1-3.
Wednesday—Zechariah 3:1-10.
Thursday—Matthew 10:32-42.
Friday—Romans 10:10-17.
Saturday—I Timothy 6:12-21.

June 24. II Trinity—Matthew 16:13-18.
Monday—Genesis 35:9-15.
Tuesday—Exodus 20:1-17.
Wednesday—II Chronicles 1:1-17.
Thursday—Matthew 5:1-16.
Friday—Matthew 5:17-32.
Saturday—Matthew 5:33-48.

July 1. III Trinity—Isaiah 60:12-22.
Monday—Matthew 6:1-18.
Tuesday—Matthew 6:19-34.
Wednesday—Matthew 7:1-14.
Thursday—Matthew 7:15-29.
Friday—Matthew 8:14-17.
Saturday—II Timothy 1:1-7.

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Editorial

The festival of the Ascension calls us upward, to set our affections above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. This is the way to a larger outlook upon life. As we ascend with Christ in spirit we come to see things in their right proportions and their correct perspective. The little things, the little trials, the little hindrances that seem so great in the pathway of Christian duty, appear to us in their right relation to Christ's power and Christ's promises and we gain new courage to go bravely and hopefully and cheerfully forward.

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The festival of Pentecost calls us to look inward and to open our hearts to the work of the Holy Ghost. What a new life He brings to the heart that receives Him. There is the joy in the Holy Ghost, the joy of victory over sin and self. There is peace in the merits of Christ which that Spirit discloses to us as He takes up the things of Jesus and reveals them to us. There is power to bear witness for Christ as the Master himself had promised, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." There is the blessed work of sanctification wrought by that Holy Spirit, changing us more and more into the pure, beautiful, lovable character of Jesus.

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The festival of the Holy Trinity calls us to great riches, riches of life brought to us through the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the treasures of life hid in God through the eternal ages. It is not a dry doctrine this doctrine of the Trinity. It is a splendid and blessed gospel, telling us that coming unto us the Triune God will do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

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It is for us then to cherish these great festivals and their teachings. To emphasize them, to take them into our heart and life and let them help us to be more faithful and loyal to the doctrines and teachings of our beloved Church.

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A young clergyman, who had been in the ministry but a short time, became very much discouraged because there were not any additions to the church, and his preaching seemed to have no effect upon the people. He called upon a minister of long experience, stated the case to him and asked his advice. The older minister asked him this question: "Each Sunday when you preach do you expect some one in your audience to become a Christian?" After thinking and hesitating, the young man said, "No." "Well, then," replied the other, "you cannot expect any results from your preaching. If you preach without believing, you will fail, the Master's advice was, 'All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.'" So it is with us laymen also. We work mechanically, without interest or expectation, therefore we fail often in that

which we desire. Faith is necessary to our work, whatever it be.

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But the accompaniment of faith is prayer. St. James tells us that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"; and the disciples, in response to the command of the Master to tarry "in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high," "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." In these days we are often too busy to find time to pray, and we feel the lack in our work and in the results.

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And then we forget the command and the promise, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse and prove me now herewith," saith the Lord of Hosts, "if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

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The promises of God are sure, and He is faithful in keeping His word. Solomon speaks of the Lord being "according to all that he promised; there hath not failed one word of all His good promises which he promised by the hand of Moses, his servant." It is a comfort amid all scenes to feel that the Lord remembers us, although we so often forget Him. "What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him?"

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How often we forget that which we hear, and we rest instead of acting upon the admonitions received. We are like the person spoken of by St. James, "a hearer of the Word and not a doer, who is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass, for he beholdeth himself and goeth his way and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was." The man who thanks God that religion has cost him nothing must be indeed a miserable man. If he has heard without doing he is growing weaker and weaker until he reaches that state of which the apostle speakes: "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

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Happy is the man who has a contented spirit, who is not moved by circumstances and conditions, but thankful for what he has, and trustful in the Lord for what he needs; who like Paul has learned that "Godliness with contentment is great gain." And Paul's advice to Timothy is well for us to heed: "Follow after righteousness, Godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness," and "Be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate."

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Publishers' Column

Last month we gave a few practical suggestions about sending reports of League meetings and conventions to the Review. We hope our friends have heeded the suggestions and that they will act accordingly.

There are a few more matters we would like to speak about and impress upon those who have occasion to deal with this office.

Our friends will save time and annoyance in ordering supplies, subscriptions, etc., by observing a few practical rules.

Be sure when sending orders, etc., in all cases to give your full name and address.

Many letters come to this office without post office address, and sometimes without a signature.

In remitting do not fail to specify the League or Church for which you are sending money, and if for goods already received, tell us by whom they were ordered. Leaguers are so apt to think we know all the Leagues and all the officers. That is impossible; so please be specific.

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Official Call for the Seventh National Convention

Canton, Ohio, October 30, 31, and November 1, 1906

In accordance with the cordial invitation extended, the Seventh National Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in Canton, Ohio. After conferring with the local committee, the Executive Committee has designated October 30, 31, and November 1, 1906, as the time for holding the convention.

The arrangement of the program is in charge of a sub-committee of the Executive Committee.

REPRESENTATION.

Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or a Lutheran institution of learning, and all District and State organizations whose admission shall have been recommended by the Committee on Credentials, are entitled to membership, with representation as follows: Each society admitted to membership shall be entitled to one delegate, each District Association to three delegates, and each State or Territorial organization to ten delegates. Such delegates must present proper credentials to the Committee on Credentials.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The sub-committee of the Executive Committee who will arrange the program will be very grateful for suggestions in regard to topics in harmony with the General Theme of the convention, and speakers. To be of any assistance, the suggestions should be sent immediately to the Program Committee, care of Mr. George A. Baldwin, Rochester, Pa. Such suggestions should be received not later than April 1, 1906.

Blank forms for credentials for delegates will be sent on application by Rev. C. K. Hunton, Statistical Secretary, Salem, Va., who will also furnish gratuitously the uniform statistical blanks of the Luther League of America.

The Committee on Transportation, in an early number of THE REVIEW, will publish the details of the railroad rates.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will furnish official information each month relating to the convention. After the convention THE REVIEW will publish a Convention Number containing full reports of the proceedings. Arrangements should be promptly made to secure this full report.

Particulars as to hotels, boarding houses and other local arrangements will be furnished in due season by the local committee of Canton.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This call urges all Lutheran societies, of whatever name and however synodically related, to send their full quota of delegates to this Seventh National Convention. Preparation should at once be made by every Lutheran Young People's Society to be represented at the convention in Canton, and of which this is the official call. It is only through the united effort and the determination of each League to contribute its share that the convention will be a full success. Seeking to stimulate the various Young People's Societies of our Church to greater Christian activity and desiring to foster the spirit of loyalty to the Church, we would endeavor to quicken among our members a clearer consciousness of Christian faith, and to promote among them a practical Christian life.

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Our Churches and Institutions

In Some of Our Large Cities

Greater New York

—In the April issue of Federation, the official organ of the Federation of Church and Christian Organizations in New York City, some very interesting statistics and comments thereon are published. A table showing "religious conditions" from 1855 to 1905, including all Protestant bodies which in 1855 had more than 1,000 members, is printed, and there are made statements and comparisons that may surprise some readers. Here are a few:

"The entertaining fact in this comparison is the tremendous growth of the Lutheran Church. Its churches have increased from 7 to 123; 22 per cent. of the churches added to Greater New York since 1855 are Lutheran. Next to it the Protestant Episcopal body has added the most churches, but Lutheranism has added 116 against an increase of 93 in the Protestant Episcopal churches.

"In membership, as in working centres, Lutheranism has made the largest advance. Its members have grown from 2,228 in 1855 to 47,934 in 1905.

"Lutheranism is the only Protestant body which in Greater New York has multiplied its property to a larger extent than the Roman Catholic Church.

"There are only three Protestant bodies in New York city which today enroll a larger percentage of the whole population of the city on their communicant lists than fifty years ago, and these three, in the order of their interim growth, are: 1. Lutheran; 2. Protestant Episcopal; 3. Congregational.

"In Manhattan, as throughout Greater New York, Lutheranism has had the largest advance. It has added more churches than any other communion; the value of its property has multiplied more swiftly even than the value of the Roman Catholic property; and it is one of the two Protestant communions which today have a larger percentage of the population on their communicant list than fifty years ago."

Philadelphia

—The fourth anniversary of the Inner Mission Society was celebrated by appropriate ceremonies at Holy Communion Church, Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, pastor, on the evening of May 18. Rev. Dr. Frank Ohl, who is regarded as the guiding spirit of the movement, said that the four years of the society's life had been occupied in educating people, both within and without its ranks, up to a correct conception of the Inner Mission idea, which is by no means clearly apprehended universally. Some confound it with Home Missions and others confuse it with slum work; whereas it is purely the ministry of love, conducted systematically with Christian redemptive aims and motives. "Christian Service" is the great watchword of the Inner Mission idea, which finds its model in the work of Wichern, in Germany.

—St. Stephen's Church, Rev. T. W. Kretschman, pastor, is making an earnest effort to complete its fund for the erection of a new church building. The fund increased about $1,175 from April 1 to May 5.

—Hon. William H. Staake, a lawyer well known in Lutheran Church circles in this city, has been appointed by Governor Pennypacker Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

—The first centenary of St. John's Church, the oldest English Lutheran Church in the world, was celebrated on May 6. The pastor is Rev. E. E. Sibole.

—Plans and specifications for the chapel to be built by the Immanuel Church at Fifty-second street and Cedar avenue, have been completed.

—Betheden Church, one of the missions of Philadelphia, has bought a lot on which a church building will be erected in the near future.

Washington

—The new Church of the Atonement, Rev. I. O. Baker, pastor, has decided to erect a house of worship to cost $80,000. Ground will shortly be broken on the lot recently purchased at North Capitol street and Rhode Island avenue. The auditorium and communicating Sunday School will accommodate about 850 and 250 respectively, about 1,100 in both. It is expected the building will be completed by the early fall.

San Francisco

—In the destruction that befell San Francisco six Lutheran churches were included. The fire barely was stopped before it reached six other Lutheran churches, and among them was the First Church, on Geary street. The Swedish Lutheran Church and the parsonage were, under God's providence, saved with the help of 300 men carrying water in buckets. The Finnish Lutheran Seaman's Mission Church, the Norwegian Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, the Scandinavian Lutheran Seaman's Mission and two churches of the General Synod were destroyed. St. John's Church, of the Missouri Synod, was damaged to the amount of $2,000. This church and the handsome St. Paul's Church, also damaged, are being used as hospitals, and both will be repaired by the Government. Many members of our churches suffered great loss of property. Rev. Gehrcke lost his home and most of its contents. Dr. G. G. Burnett lost almost all his property. Many Luther-

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Dayton

—The cornerstone of the new building to be erected by the First Lutheran Church, Rev. D. Frank Garland, pastor, was laid on Sunday, April 29. The building is to be of Ohio free stone, in the old English style of architecture, in character churchly throughout, and will cost, with the lot, $165,000.

Cleveland

—Rev. J. H. Neuhauser was installed pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church on April 8.

Canton

—Rev. John A. Hall, D.D., has resigned as pastor of Trinity Church.

Jersey City

—The Church of the Redeemer, Rev. John E. Heindel, pastor, celebrated its eighth anniversary May 6. Sixty members have been added during the past year. The church recently received a bequest of $400 from the estate of the late Mrs. Charlotte Luck.

Harrisburg

—Christ Lutheran Church, Rev. A. A. Kelly, pastor, has purchased at a cost of $11,000, three additional lots adjoining the present church site, and a new building will be erected on the plot thus enlarged.

Omaha

—The new Kountze Memorial Church building, Rev. John E. Hummon, pastor, was consecrated Sunday, May 20. The church has cost $125,000.

—St. Mark's Church, Rev. Leonard Groh, pastor, will erect a new church building this summer.

Kansas City

—Rev. J. A. M. Zeigler, D.D., returned from a trip to California much improved in health, but not sufficiently to continue the duties of the pastorate of the First Church, and has therefore reluctantly resigned.

Miscellaneous

—The Emperor of India, King, Edward VII, conferred the gold medal of the Kaiser-i-Hind order on the Lutheran missionary, Ferdinand Hahn, of the Gossner Mission in Bengal, as an official reward for his work for and among the lepers, which ranks him among the public benefactors of India. While the silver medal of the order has been given to a number of European and American missionaries, the great honor of having received the gold medal is shared with Mr. Hahn by only two other missionaries—Dr. Graham, a Scotchman, and Dr. Abbot, an American.

—Mr. J. Reitz, of Waverly, Neb., recently deceased, made a bequest of his whole estate, estimated at about $25,000, to the boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Extension of the General Synod, and to the trustees of Midland College, Atchison, Kan., share and share alike, after the death of the widow and the specific bequests to the three children. Mr. Reitz was a devoted and interested member of the Lutheran Church.

—According to the will of the late Mrs. Sarah P. Laumann, probated in Dauphin County, the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, of Middletown, Pa., Rev. S. T. Nicholas, pastor, is beneficiary for the amount of $5,000.

—Grace Church, Lancaster, Pa., is to begin soon the erection of a new church building of brown stone, in gothic style of architecture, 70x133 feet, with a tower 88 feet high. The pastor of this church is Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, DD., editor of the Junior Department of The Review.

—Friends of Muhlenberg College have before them now a challenge that will test their generosity. Of the remaining $85,000 needed to complete the building fund, Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered to give the last $20,000. This means that $65,000 must be quickly raised by the college and its friends.

—Mr. Henry Bloom, who died recently at Zelienople, Pa., bequeathed $1,500 to the Lutheran Church, of which he was a member; $1,500 to the Lutheran Orphanage of that place, and $1,000 to the new Home for the Aged, to be established in connection with the Orphanage.

—The Augustana Synod was organized in 1860 with 3,753 members in 36 churches. Now it has about 1,000 congregations with 220,000 members, with church properties worth more than $6,000,000.

—Mr. W. S. Lentz, of Allentown, Pa., bequeathed the sum of $401.03 to the endowment fund of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.

—St. John's Church, Easton, Pa., Rev. J. C. Seegers, pastor, has received a bequest of $1,500 to the poor fund of the congregation by the will of the late Mrs. S. S. Apple, a faithful and beloved member of St. John's for many years.

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NEW YORK.

—The thirteenth annual convention of the New York State Luther League will be held at Binghamton, N. Y., June 27, 28 and 29. The sessions, of which there will be six, will be held in the Church of the Redeemer, the Rev. C. A. Ritchie, pastor. The convention has been set at this early date in the hope of securing an attendance from every League in the State. It will be just at the beginning of vacation time, and many persons can make attendance at the convention a part of their recreation period. The arrangements for the convention are being perfected rapidly and the Executive Committee and State officers have succeeded in outlining a program brimful of interesting subjects and helpful, timely ideas. Those of our young people who will be so fortunate as to be chosen

delegates will take away many valuable thoughts and suggestions on League and Church work. The first session will be held on Wednesday afternoon. Mayor Woodburne, of Binghamton, will welcome the delegates on behalf of the city, Pastor Ritchie on behalf of the Church, and Mr. W. H. Rector, president of the Luther League of the Church, and former president of the D. and H. District League, on behalf of the local League. The Rev. Paul W. Koller, of Hudson, will deliver the convention sermon, on "The Cross Within the Heart." Miss Florence E. Fellows, of New York city, chairman of the Literature Committee of the New York City League, will read a paper on "A Practical Reading Course"; Mr. Paul Brown Mattice, of Middleburgh, president of the Albany and Susquehanna District, will tell of "The Value of the Local Rally Service"; Rev. Charles S. Albert, D.D., the General Synod's Literary Editor, subject, "Why the League is Lutheran," and Rev. L. Franklin Gruber, pastor of the Church of the Holy Communion, Utica, subject, "Unity in Diversity," will be the speakers at the Rally meeting. Mr. Irving E. Hurst, of Syracuse, has taken for his subject "Opportunity and Responsibility"; Dr. Peter Van Wie, of Canajoharie, will speak on "Our Bond of Union"; Rev. A. Steimle, of Brooklyn, on "The Dominant Feature of the League," and Mr. Ludwig Stolz Mayer, of Albany, chairman of the State Press Committee, on "The Object of the Press Committee." The evening of the second day will be devoted to a grand Rally meeting, and the afternoon of the last day (Friday) will be given over to sightseeing. Reduced railroad rates have been secured, contingent upon there being 100 delegates' certificates and round trip tickets. It is the earnest desire of the State officers that every League send as full a delegation as possible to this convention that each may bring away some thought productive of good.

New York City District

—At the annual meeting of the Luther League of St. James Church, Rev. Dr. Remensnyder, pastor, the following officers were re-elected: President, I. Searles Runyon; vice president, Edwin Henes, Jr.; recording secretary, Harry Henes; corresponding secretary, George C. Briner; treasurer, Miss Mabel Remensnyder. Reports of the officers and committees indicated no increase in membership during the year, the accessions and the losses about balancing, but showed a satisfactory condition in all other respects.

—The Luther League of Epiphany has sustained an almost irreparable loss in the untimely death of Mr. Henry T. Speckel, for several years the efficient president. Few young men have been more active in the church. As choirmaster, treasurer and organist of the Sunday school he gave freely of his time, talent, means and strength to the work of the Lord. The large congregation which overflowed the church at his funeral services gave eloquent testimony to the esteem in which he was held by his fellow workers. Pastor Clausen spoke in grateful terms of what the deceased had been to the congregation.

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Brooklyn District

—The Luther League of Brooklyn held its regular meeting on Monday evening, April 30, at Holy Trinity Church. The Rev. William Hetrick, pastor of Calvary Church, made an inspiring address on "Young People's Work." Mr. I. Searles Runyon pressed the claims of the State convention and the Bellewood outing.

The District League is in a promising condition, alive to the interests of the Church, bringing the young people to active leadership in the Church.

On Monday evening, May 7, the spring convention was held at the same church, of which Rev. A. Steimle is pastor. The program was intensely interesting. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. Wasmund, pastor of St. John's Church. An address on "The Luther League for Lutheran Young People" was delivered by the Rev. M. S. Waters, of Newark. An address on "Christian Life and Church Attendance," by the Rev. Fred H. Bosch, of St. Paul's, Manhattan, and then with fervor and spirit the Luther League Rally Hymn was sung. Closing remarks were made by the president, Mr. D. W. P. Meyerholz. The interest and enthusiasm inspired by the convention were manifest in the fact that not half a dozen people left the church for fifteen minutes after close of service.

Rhinebeck District

—The twenty-ninth convention of the Rhinebeck District Luther League was held at Ancram, in St. John's Church, Rev. E. A. Ottman, pastor, on Tuesday, May 8. Rev. C. Rahn, of Poughkeepsie, opened the convention with prayer. Rev. W. H. Henser, of Athens, read the Scripture lesson. The greetings were given by

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Rev. E. A. Ottman and the response by Mr. J. M. Shook. Three new Junior societies were added to the roll—Rondout, Athens and Ancram. Reports were made by the corresponding secretary, treasurer, president and extension committees. The president then delivered his annual address. At the afternoon session Rev. William H. Henser read a paper on "Young People's Societies and Missions." A paper on "The Ideal Society," written by Norman Bane, of Hudson, was also read. A question box, conducted by Rev. W. H. Stutts, of Manorton, was a feature of the afternoon session.

The following officers were elected: President, John M. Shook, of Hudson, first vice president, Frank Finger, of Manorton; second vice president, Floyd Moore, of Viewmonte; recording secretary, Lewis H. Kleeber, Jr., of Saugerties; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. R. Pardee, Rondout; treasurer, W. M. Van Hoesen, of Athens. Delegates to the State convention: Rev. E. A. Ottman, Rev. W. F. Bacher, Mrs. Walter Frederick, Mrs. W. H. Stutts, William Snyder. Delegate to the National Convention, J. M. Reynolds.

At the evening session Rev. O. W. Krauch, of Albany, delivered a very fine address on "Higher Ideals in Young People's Work." The president appointed standing committees, with the following as chairmen: Executive, G. L. Snyder, Rondout; literature, Rev. E. A. Ottman, Ancram; extension, Rev. Paul W. Koller, Hudson; press, Mrs. A. R. Pardee, Rondout.

Many delegates declared the convention to be very helpful.

—At the semi-annual meeting of the Luther League of West Camp the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Fred. Snyder; vice president, Mrs. Nelson Winchell; recording secretary, Nelson Burhaus; corresponding secretary, Miss Bessie Moore; treasurer, A. S. Young; pianist, Mrs. Clifford Magee; assistant pianist, Miss Edna M. Travel.

Rochester District

—A Luther League was organized, April 30, in Grace Lutheran Church, corner Bay and Niagara streets, Rochester, Rev. C. P. Weiskotten, pastor. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Oliver Hutter; vice president, Mr. Leo J. Dreier; secretary, Mr. Charles Foster; treasurer, Miss Nettie Harris.

Syracuse District

—At the annual meeting of the Luther League, on May 11, the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Arthur Booth; vice president, Miss Viola Luther; recording secretary, Miss Frieda Roock; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. L. Tucker, 112 Pleasant avenue; treasurer, Miss Laura Ettinghaus.

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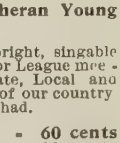

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—At the last meeting of the Luther League of St. Paul's Church, Rev. George Merschroth, pastor, three members of the League, who had made a concerted effort to secure new members, sprang a surprise upon the officers by presenting the names of sixteen young people as candidates for membership. The pastor congratulated the workers upon their success, and to the new members he explained the object and work of the League. After the session a social hour was enjoyed.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia District

—The Luther League of St. Michael's Church, Germantown, Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., pastor, has a membership of thirty-seven. It meets the third Monday of each month, excepting July and August. The meeting opens with business, and the rest of the evening is literary and social. The officers are: President, Mr. Jesse Achey, Jr.; secretary, Miss Mary. E. Wilson; treasurer, Mr. William Laucks. In an effort last year to raise money to help decrease the church debt the sum of $246.50 was realized. The League appropriated $25 for the same purpose.

Northeastern District

—The twenty-seventh semi-annual convention of the Northeastern District League was held in Trinity Church, Scranton, on Tuesday, May 1, and was a decided success. There were about seventy delegates present, representing the various Leagues of the District. The morning session opened with devotional services, conducted by Rev. John Bender, of Pittston. The address of welcome was delivered by Arthur Stipp, president of the local League, and P. Walter Banker responded in behalf of the District League. Reports of the various committees showed that the League is in a flourishing condition, and two Leagues, St. Peter's, Pittston, and St. Paul's, of Wilkesbarre, were admitted to membership. The total receipts for the half year amounted to $90.30, the expenditures to $64.37. Two topics were presented at this session and thoroughly discussed. The first paper, on "The Duties of a Delegate," was read by Mrs. Ray Philips, of Christ League, Wilkesbarre. An address on "Benefits of Rallies and Anniversaries" was delivered by Frank C. Fiedler, of St. Paul's League, Scranton. Rev. A. O. Gallenkamp, of Zion's Church, Scranton, led the devotional service at the afternoon session. The statistical secretary read his report, which showed a membership of 645, and $1,220 raised for local objects and $151 for benevolence.

The Northeastern District League will conduct a picnic at Mountain Park, July 12, to which all the Leagues are heartily invited. The following topics were presented: "Some Attainable Objects Each Can Accomplish," in a paper prepared by John C. Showers, and read by Miss Henrietta Grossman, Wilkesbarre. The topic, "Committees of the League; How Can They Be Made Efficient?" was presented in an address by W. J. Hagerty, of Honesdale. The following officers were elected: President, P. Walter Banker; vice president, O. M. Johnson; recording secretary, W. J. Hagerty; financial secretary, Georgia Grossman; treasurer, William Schuler; statistical secretary, J. Romeo Miller. The evening service was in charge of Rev. E. F. Beates, of Wilesbarre. The speakers were Rev. P. J. W. Petske, of Christ Church, Wilkesbarre, his subject being "The Layman and the Luther League." Rev. Jacob Frey, D.D., of Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, delivered a stirring address, "For What Does the Lutheran Church Stand?" Special music was prepared by the choir, and two solos added to the beauty of the service. The church was tastefully decorated with the League colors. Dinner and supper were served to the delegates and visitors. Rev. Ritter, pastor loci, and members of his parish deserve credit for the hospitable treatment shown all in attendance.

Pittsburg District

—The twenty-eighth convention of the Pittsburg District Luther League was held on Tuesday, May 15, in St. John's Lutheran Church, East Liverpool, Ohio, Rev. J. G. Reinartz, pastor. At the first session the Rev. John M. Yount, of Homestead, conducted the matin service. The address of welcome was delivered by the Rev. J. G. Reinartz, in his cordial and sincere manner. A hearty response was made by the president, Charles W. Fuhr, of Pittsburg. Miss Anna Keown, statistical secretary, reported thirty-five societies, represented by 111 delegates and eight-nine visitors. The largest society, the Junior Luther League of Memorial Church, Allegheny, Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., pastor, has a membership of 103. At the noon hour a luncheon was served by the ladies of St. John's Church. Many of the delegates spent a social hour at Rock Springs Park, Pa. The opening service at the afternoon session was conducted by the Rev. George G. Gongaware, of

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Pittsburg. A very practical paper on "The Training of the Juniors" was read by Mr. Joseph Osterle, of Beaver Falls. Rev. E. F. Krauss, D.D., of the Chicago Seminary, opened the discussion, and in his happy manner commended the work of the Junior superintendent. In the absence of Rev. Ira Guss, the topic "The Value of Luther League Literature" was presented by Rev. G. F. Gehr, the General Secretary of the Chicago Seminary. His remarks were listened to with great interest. "Service Within the Congregation," by Mr. Albert W. Smith, of Pittsburg, and "Service Outside the Congregation," by Miss Ellen P. Brown, of Rochester, Pa., were well received, and it was decided to have these two papers printed. Delegates were elected to the State and National conventions. The resolutions committee presented resolutions on the recent death of Mr. E. Bliss Barry, son of Rev. D. R. Barry, one of the most faithful and devoted members of the Luther League. At the evening session the vesper service was conducted by the Rev. T. A. Bowers, of Rochester, Pa. Two excellent addresses were delivered. William M. McNair, Esq., president of the State Luther League, addressed the convention on "Young Men in the Church." In the absence of the Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., the Rev. G. I. Lenker delivered the address on "What the Lutheran Church Stands For." The music rendered by the local church choir was one of the enjoyable features of the program. In attendance, interest and fervor this seems to have been the banner convention of the Pittsburg District League. Nearly 200 delegates and friends returned to Pittsburg on a special train.

—The new officers of the Luther League of the First German Lutheran Church, Beaver Falls, are as follows: President, August Busse; vice president, George W. Scheffler; secretary, Miss Ena Crow; treasurer, Miss Charlotte Eberhardt; organist, Miss Elsie Kruckenberg; librarians, Wilhelm Jolnke and Joseph Loeffler. The pastor is Rev. John Scheer. The League numbers about seventy active and seven honorary members. Meetings are held twice monthly and the Luther League Topics are used.

Schuylkill County District

—Simultaneously with the installation of Rev. H. M. Schofer as pastor of the Llewellyn parish, on May 13, there was organized a Junior Luther League of twenty-five members in that church. The Senior League recently presented to the congregation a communion service.

Kittanning District

—The Kittanning District League met in semi-annual convention at Vandergrift Heights, St. Paul's Church, April 25. Fourteen local Leagues were represented, and a profitable day was spent. "The Inspiration of a Worker" and "The Individual in the New Life and Work of the Luther League" were among the practical topics discussed. In the evening Rev. William E. Brown, of Crafton, spoke of the "Problems Before the Church," and the relation of Luther Leaguers to the same. It was also decided to hold an outdoor reunion of the District League some time during the summer. All the societies are looking forward with much interest to the State convention at Kittanning in September.

Upper Lehigh Valley District

The twenty-fourth semi-annual convention of the District Luther League of the Upper Lehigh Valley was held in Trinity Lutheran Church, West Hazleton, Pa., Rev. M. B. Schmoyer, pastor, on May 2 and 3. There was a large gathering of pastors, delegates and friends, the church was very beautifully decorated, and in spite of the inclement weather was a most successful convention. The pastor loci extended a very cordial and hearty welcome to the convention, to which President Kuntz responded. The reports of the various officers were read, after which elections of officers was held, resulting as follows: President, Rev. Frank S. Kuntz, Lehighton; vice president, Mr. W. D. Kellar, Summit Hill; secretary, Miss Grace A. Lauer, East Mauch Chunk; treasurer, Mr. John Ziegenfuss, Weissport; statistician, Rev. W. Penn Barr, Weatherley. The opening subject, "What Part Should Married Persons Take in League Work?" was then discussed in a general discussion. At the afternoon session, "Knowing More of Our Church" was discussed under six heads: "Its History," Mr. Edwin Shupp; "Its Institutions," Miss Anna Whit; "Its Home Missions," Miss Helen Xander; "Its Foreign Missions," Mr. H. Cressman; "Its Church Book," Mr. William Musselman; "Its Pressing Needs," Miss Amanda Gotthardt. All the papers were excellent and the discussions following each showed much interest in the subject. At the evening session the vesper service was conducted by Rev. J. O. Schlenker. Two excellent addresses were made by Rev. W. Penn Barr, Weatherly, on "Division of Labor," and by Prof. A. A. Kunkle, of Allentown, "Preparatory School on Practical Work in the Luther League." At the Thursday morning session the subjects, "How to Organize a Junior League," was discussed by Mr. Roy Deck, and "Are Luther League Libraries Being Used?" by Miss Minnie Woodring. Rev. Frank S. Kuntz was elected delegate to the National convention, and Mr. John Ziegenfuss to the State convention. The fall convention will be held in St. Paul's, Summit Hill, Rev. I. O. Nothstein, pastor.

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Springfield District

—The annual spring Rally of the Springfield District Luther League was held in the Fifth Lutheran Church, April 27, with a large attendance, and much enthusiasm greeted the address of the Rev. Dr. L. K. Probst, of Columbus. Dr. Probst spoke on "Saving Our Own." He said that our interest and care in "our own" in every walk of life should be our first thought, and the Lutheran Church is under special obligation to engage in this work. Every church in the city and surrounding country that has a Luther League had representatives present. The program was carried on as planned, except that the address of welcome was given by C. G. Roof, of the seminary. Rev. Dr. D. H. Bauslin, of Wittenberg Seminary, read Scripture and offered prayer. Miss Alice Gerhardt sang a solo. In a business session, special interest was brought out in the National Luther League con-

vention which will be held in Canton, Ohio, October 30 to November 1. A double quartet of college students sang several numbers.

—The Luther League of the Fifth Lutheran Church, Springfield, Rev. H. S. Lawrence, pastor, in the season just past, heard a very interesting course of lectures, of which "Seeing London," by Rev. W. J. Sly, of Springfield, and "A Trip Through Russia and the Far East," by Dr. V. G. A. Tressler, of Wittenberg Seminary, were types. This spring the League thoroughly renovated the Sunday school room. The officers are: L. F. Gunderman, president; W. G. Hoffman, vice president; Miss Edna Zinn, corresponding secretary; Miss Lulu Burk, recording secretary; Miss Grace Ball, treasurer; Miss Edna Zinn, organist.

Mansfield District

—The third annual meeting of this District League was held in St. Luke's Church, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph.D., pastor, May 15. At the opening session, 9:30 a. m., there was an unusually large number of delegates present. The interest which characterized the first session increased throughout the entire convention. The opening devotional services were conducted by Rev. F. M. Keller, pastor of St. Matthew's Church, using the full order of morning service. Rev. A. B. Markley, president of the League, conducted "Opening Thoughts," the theme of which was I Pet., 3:15. Many Leagues gave very appropriate responses. After the usual order of business and the appointment of committees, Rev. C. E. Gardner, president of Wittenberg Synod, delivered an excellent address on "The Church Year," in which he brought out very forcibly its beauty and usefulness, especially referring to the first half, which embraces the three great festivals, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. A very profitable discussion followed. The devotional services for the afternoon session were conducted by Rev. G. G. Clark, using the sufferage. Miss Portia Mengert, president of St. Luke's League, delivered the address of welcome in a very pleasing manner. Dr. Markley responded in behalf of the convention in his usual happy manner. "The Loyal Leaguer" was presented under two heads; first, "What He Is," in a well prepared paper by Mrs. Cloyed Ebert, of Ashland; second, "What He Can Do," in an excellent address by Rev. H. B. Burkholder, of Belleville. Rev. A. A. Hundley read a paper on "The Pastor's View," of what might be reasonably expected of the pastor in the Sunday evening meeting. Rev. H. C. Funk spoke on the "Young People's Work; a Means, Not an End." A brief discussion followed and the convention adjourned for a social half hour. At 7:30 p. m. the vespers were conducted by Rev. Hundley. The topic for the evening, "The Luther League the Best Organization for Our Young People," was presented in three addresses: (1) "Educationally," by Mrs. Iva Baltzly, Ph.D.; (2) "Spiritually," by Miss Inez Miller; (3) "Practically," by Rev. Markley. The following officers were elected and delegates appointed: President, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph.D., Mansfield; vice president, Rev. O. McWilliams, Belleville; secretary, Dr. Emery, Ashland; treasurer, Mrs. Lillie Halverstadt, Crestline. Delegates to the National convention: Rev. A. A. Hundley, Mr. Walter Farber, Miss Mae Goss. Delegates to State convention: Rev. A. B. Markley, Rev. G. G. Clark, Rev. S. P. Long, Miss Portia Mengert, W. Clark Gibson. The next convention will be held at Belleville, Ohio, Rev. H. B. Burkholder, pastor, February 22, 1907. St. Luke's League distinguished itself by the manner in which it entertained the convention.

INDIANA.

—A Luther League of twenty-five members was organized, May 3, in St. Mark's Church, Batesville, Rev. Arthur E. Gringel, pastor. The meeting for organization followed immediately an address by the Topics Editor, Rev. George H. Schnur, on "The Luther League for Lutheran Young People." The Easter accessions of this congregation number thirty-one, making a total of 100 new members for the year Rev. Gringel has served the church.

—The new officers of the Luther League of the Swedish Lutheran Church, Attica, are: Rev. J. I. Bergstrand, president; Carl Carlson, vice president; Miss Tellie Lim, secretary; Miss Ida Johnson, treasurer; Miss Anna Sable, organist. The League was organized January 29, 1901, with fourteen members. The present membership is thirty-one. Meetings are held monthly, religious and literary in character. The members pay regular dues, and last year the League's surplus was devoted to interior decorations of the church building.

MINNESOTA.

—The eighth annual convention of the Luther League of Minnesota will be held at Albert Lea, Minn., June 26, 27 and 28. Each society in a Lutheran congregation or institution of learning is entitled to membership upon application, and may be represented by three delegates. Leagues not yet connected with the State organization are invited to send delegates and unite with us in this great work for the Lord and the Church.—Rev. F. E. Jenson, president; Adelia Monsen, corresponding secretary.

Twin City District

—The sixteenth semi-annual convention of the Twin City District Luther League was held, April 30, in St. James' English Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Rev. F. E. Beistel, pastor. The devotional services of the morning session were conducted by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, of St. Paul. Rev. Beistel welcomed the convention. This welcome was responded to by the president, Otto A. Johnson, who centred his remarks on the words found in I Chron., 22:13, "Be strong and of good courage; fear not, nor be dismayed." After the reception of delegates Mr. C. A. Dolan, St. Paul, read a paper on the first topic, "What the Luther League Has Done, Is Doing and Can Do." The discussion on this topic was led by Miss Beatta Anderson, Minneapolis. The president's report was full of interest and showed the standing of the District League. At the afternoon session Rev. Dr. George H. Trabert, Minneapolis, conducted the devotional services. Miss Hilma Rhebeck, St.

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Luther League of Connecticut

First Convention—at Hartford, May 23.

THE first State Luther League in New England and the fourteenth member of the Luther League of America was organized in Hartford, the capital city of Connecticut, on Wednesday, May 23, 1906. The convention was called by the Eastern Field Missionary, the Rev. M. J. Bieber, and met in the German Lutheran Church of the Reformation, one of the six Lutheran churches of Hartford. In this church St. Paul's English Lutheran congregation, organized by the Field Missionary on Palm Sunday, with sixty-six charter members (now numbering seventy) the fourth English Lutheran Church in Connecticut and the fifth in New England, worship. St. Paul's Luther League, organized April 18, hence five weeks old at the time of the convention, entertained the delegates, assisted by the Woman's Missionary Society, also recently organized. The pulpit was draped in the League colors, and the members of the receiving, as well as many of the visiting delegates wore the League ribbons, buttons and badges. The convention was called to order by Rev. Bieber at 3:15 o'clock, when the Rev. George F. Hartwig, of Rockville, led in the devotional service. A temporary organization was effected in the election of Rev. Bieber chairman and R. O. Recknagle, of New Britain, secretary. The chairman welcomed the delegates and called attention to the significance of the League emblem, the cross signifying consecration; the heart, love and sacrifice; the rose, youth and purity; the blue, loyalty; and the ring of gold, faithfulness to the end. Mr. Alexander Timm, of New Haven, fittingly responded to this welcome, when the chair appointed committees on nomination, constitution, credentials and resolutions.

While the committees met, very interesting and instructive verbal reports were received from the delegates representing the Leagues of Rockville, Hartford, New Britain and New Haven; also from interested visitors. The convention sang "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," after which Louis Recknagle, of New Britain, for the credentials committee, reported that thirty-five delegates, representing five Leagues, were present, viz., the League of the First German Church, Rockville; of St. Paul's English, Hartford; the Senior and Junior Luther Leagues of the Church of the Reformation (English), New Britain, and Trinity League, New Haven. Representatives were also present from the German Church of the Reformation and the Swedish Luther League, both of Hartford.

Mr. Alexander Timm reported for the committee on constitution. Some of its features are: The annual convention is to be held the third week in May, and an annual Luther League festival near November 10; the annual dues are $2 per League, and when Central Leagues are formed the dues are proportionate; each League is entitled to six regular delegates, including the pastor of the church and five alternates; the standing committees are (1) extension and credentials, (2) executive. The latter is composed of the presidents of the various Leagues, the chairman is the State League vice president, and the State president is ex-officio a member, the members of the other committee, consisting of one representative from each League, are appointed by the president.

Mr. Arthur Anderson, of New Britain, reported for the committee on resolutions.

The report of the committee on nominations, through Mr. William Dahlquist, of New Haven, later resulted in the choice by the convention of the following officers, to serve for one year: President, Alexander Timms, New Haven; vice president, Carl Petersen, Hartford; recording secretary, Richard O. Recknagel, New Britain; corresponding secretary, Miss Anna Lawson, Hartford; treasurer, Bruno C. Kraetchmar, Rockville; trustees, the Revs. J. H. Jenger, Hartford; G. F. Hartwig, Rockville; Rev. M. J. Bieber.

The convention decided to apply for admission to the Luther League of America, and Alexander Timm, Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Bieber were elected delegates to the National convention at Canton. During the day letters of congratulations and regrets were read from the pastor, the Rev. M. W. Gaudian and his Young People's Society, St. John's German Church, New Britain; from the Rev. C. R. Tappert, of Meriden, and the Rev. P. Lemke, Waterbury; St. John's, New Britain, and the Swedish Luther League were unofficially represented at the evening session.

The afternoon session was devoted mainly to business, was enthusiastic, harmonious and attended by fifty-six delegates and visitors.

From 5 to 6 o'clock luncheon was served in

the basement of the church to the convention by St. Paul's League and the Woman's Missionary Society, and the occasion was the social event of the day.

At the evening session the church was filled with an interested congregation. Rev. Bieber presided and called the convention to order at 8:15 o'clock. Luther's "Battle Hymn" was sung. After the devotional service telegrams were read from J. M. Reynolds, Valatie, N. Y., president of the New York State Luther League, sending the State League greetings; from Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., Philadelphia, president of the Luther League of America, and a letter of regret and greeting from Mr. E. F. Eilert, editor of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, New York city. Miss Anna Lawson, accompanied by Miss Anna Neilsen on the violin and Miss Elsie Teichman on the organ, Hartford, sang "The Holy City." Inspiring, eloquent and very instructive addresses were delivered by Revs. J. A. Timm, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, New Haven, on "The Need of a Closer Union of Our Various Nationalities and Tongues," and by the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., Philadelphia, superintendent of English Home Missions of the General Council, on "The Heroic Past and the Promising Future of the Lutheran Church of America." Both addresses deserve an extensive circulation. The convention closed with the hymn, "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" and the benediction by the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann.

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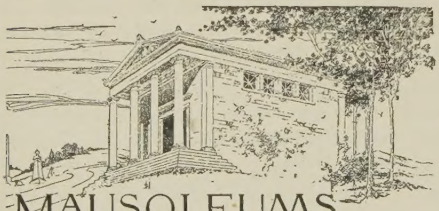
—At the last meeting of the Luther League of Salem English Church, of Minneapolis, eighteen new members were admitted. The room which was built in the new church especially for the Luther League is too small to accommodate the members.



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June and Our Juniors

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A Motto for the Month: "The ant provideth her meat in the summer and gathereth her food in the harvest." Proverbs, 6:8.

Suggestions—Why not take the "Glorious Fourth" for an outing day among the beauties of nature? It would be wise in two ways. For it would take the Juniors away from the noise and dust of the city streets, where so much danger lurks in wait for the little people, all unconscious of peril. Surely we know enough to keep us from doing anything that would annoy or disturb older folks around us, and if the pistols, dynamite crackers and small cannon are the causes of distress to others, it were well to spend our national day in a more considerate manner. Then, also, the season of the year invites a sojourn among the flowers and trees, the mossy rocks and sparkling brooks that run among the hills. No one, possibly, more thoroughly enjoys the *newness* of summer than a growing boy or girl.

Let us set our Juniors to thinking for themselves. Education consists not merely in storing book knowledge into the mind to be laid away, for some possible future use, but in cultivating the powers of the mind in thinking promptly, sensibly and justly.

What is your League doing to help those who are living among the temptations that are hardest to resist? And what may we do in behalf of those who, having been tempted, have yielded? There is a great field of usefulness among the weak in principle. "When we stop to consider how easy it is to give way to temptation we will have more sympathy with our mistaken brother." Helping others to live aright brings out the blessing of unity and makes life worth living.

Look ahead over the coming topics for June and July. How interesting and important they are! Those who remember "Old Father Heyer" cannot but recall distinctly his quaint and genial personality. "Baptism" deserves all the attention we can give it, and the grand old Confession of Augsburg, standing midway between the Magna Charta and our own glorious Declaration of Independence, ought to be more widely known in the world. It is the best historical document on which the entire Church could unite. "The Christian Nation" is the ideal nation of the world, and "The Christian Home" is the unit by which it is made. The "Christian Training in the Sunday School" is the great aid of today in strengthening the true home. "Catechization" is another golden link to bind the Junior to the Church, the home of the soul and the Home which is our bodily sanctuary for the earthly blessings, and it leads directly upward to the graduation day of our "Confirmation."

Dear fellow Junior worker, do you watch for the boys that may be found in many a League who ought to be guided to the "holy ministry?"

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Paul, sang. Mr. F. E. Borgen, St. Paul, led a very interesting discussion on the first topic, "The Ideal Luther League." A paper on the topic, "The Grace of Kindness," was read by Mr. J. P. Schaeffer, Minneapolis. The discussion on this topic, which was very lively, was led by Mr. N. J. Holm, of the United Church Seminary. A short discussion on the third topic, "The Luther Leaguer in Politics," was led by Mr. Evert, Minneapolis. After the transaction of some business the session closed by chanting the Lord's Prayer. At the evening session Rev. J. Keehley, Minneapolis, conducted the devotional services. A vocal solo by Mrs. M. E. McKee, St. Paul, followed. An address on "The Muhlenburgs in Church and State," by Rev. W. K. Frick, Milwaukee, Wis., was full of inspiration. The convention closed with the singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn and the League Hymnal service. This convention was an inspiration and help to the delegates, who seemed to be well satisfied with their outlay of time. Everything possible for the pleasure and comfort of the delegates was done by the League of St. James Church.

NEW JERSEY.

—An open meeting of the Mission Society of Upsala College, at Kenilworth, was held on Friday evening, May 25. The officers and representatives of the Luther League of New Jersey, with which the Mission Society is connected, co-operated. The vice president of the society, Oscar Bomgren, presided. Special music was provided by the students and visitors. The Rev. Frederick C. Krapf, president of the Luther League of New Jersey, and the Rev. C. G. Fischer, both of Elizabeth, delivered addresses, the former on the subject, "What Can Our People Do to Further the Mission of the Lutheran Church?" and the latter on the theme, "The Missions of the Lutheran Church; Why Give Ourselves in Their Behalf?" The Rev. Dr. L. H. Beck also spoke briefly, urging that such a meeting of the Mission Society with the co-operation of the Luther League of New Jersey be made a regular feature of commencement week each year. About twenty persons were present from Elizabeth.

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